

HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!

An Editorial By GROVER C. WHYTE

Happy days of work and full pay envelopes are soon to return to many idle Torrance men...

Other projects now under way will take up much of the immediate unemployment here...

Fourth District Is Close Second In Registration

May Take Lead If Every Resident Can Be Induced to Register

Possibility that the fourth supervisorial district, embracing Torrance, may exceed the lead held by the first district at the May 3 primary election registration was seen today by Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr...

Total registration for the first district, represented by Supervisor Hugh A. Thatcher of Pomona, was 235,656, including all parties, men and women...

If every resident of the fourth district could be induced to register and Registrar Kerr calls attention to the fact that the books, now open, will be closed again in one week...

Torrance Link On Sepulveda Soon Completed

Expect Contractor to Start Laying Concrete On 30-foot Strip This Week

Laying of asphaltic concrete on that portion of Sepulveda boulevard within the city of Torrance was scheduled to get under way this week...

Delay of approximately three weeks was encountered by the county, which is doing the work under force account...

Grading has been completed to a width of 56 feet, although but 30-foot pavement will be laid at this time...

NEWCOMER Mrs. Orle Romera, who recently came to Torrance from Washington...

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HUGE EXPANSION AT STEEL MILL

WRIGHT ASKS REMOVAL OF KLUSMAN

Councilman Accepts Mayor's Challenge and Files Written Complaint

Formal charges in writing were filed this week against Mayor W. T. Klusman by Councilman Joseph M. Wright...

"1. That W. T. Klusman during the month of June, 1932, without consulting Ollie Stevenson, assistant fire chief of Torrance, and without Mr. Stevenson's knowledge, went to J. E. McMaster, an employee of the fire department, and endeavored to get Mr. McMaster to admit that he was qualified to fill the office then held by Mr. Stevenson...

"2. Mr. Klusman denied that he made the statement published in the Torrance Herald to the effect that Ollie Stevenson had resided over the city jail for 12 years, and stated that Grover Whyte put the statement in the Torrance Herald of his own accord...

"3. W. T. Klusman denied in open council meeting that he had cursed Ollie Stevenson on June 17, 1932. The fact that Mr. Klusman did so curse Mr. Stevenson is verified by the affidavits of James Brodie and O. D. Butterfield attached hereto and marked Exhibits B and C.

"4. W. T. Klusman without justification held the undersigned up to public ridicule in a newspaper. Affidavits by Walteria on June 17, 1932, and Mr. Klusman did so curse Mr. Stevenson is verified by the affidavits of James Brodie and O. D. Butterfield attached hereto and marked Exhibits D and C.

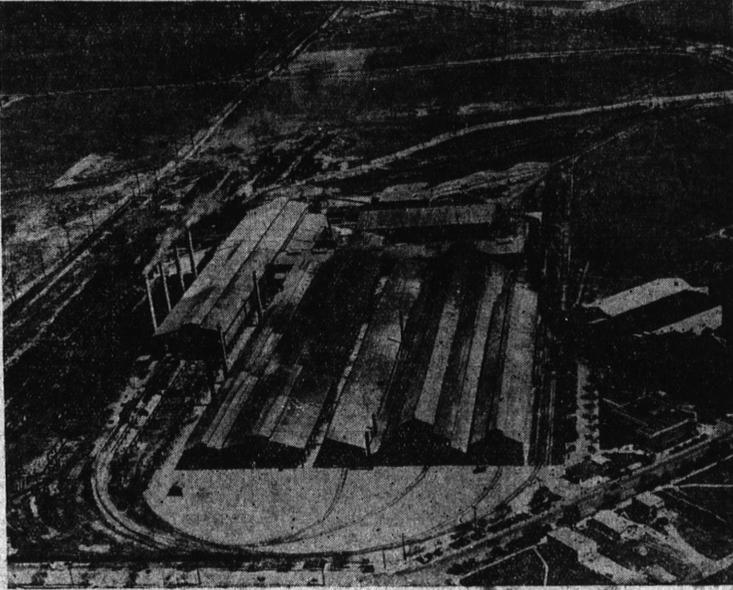
The affidavits attached to the complaint detail conversations between Klusman and McMaster as well as by witnesses of the verbal battle between Stevenson and Mayor Klusman, held recently near the city hall, following an attempt by Klusman to have the Stevenson family removed from living quarters over the city jail...

At a previous council meeting Mayor Klusman attacked Stevenson for his conduct, claiming that Stevenson's remarks were "most abusive and unbecoming a city employee." Stevenson countered by demanding that Klusman file his charges in writing or apologize in public...

When Councilman Wright attempted to defend Stevenson by claiming that Klusman cursed the fireman, the mayor told Wright to put his charges in writing. Wright accepted the mayor's challenge and this week filed this formal complaint with Police Commissioner Conner and requested that Klusman be removed as mayor and president of the board.

LICENSE ISSUED Notice of intention to wed was filed in Los Angeles this week by George C. Nafziger and Jane Fortner, both of Torrance.

200 Men Recalled to Work Here



View of the Columbia Steel Mills at Torrance, where the United States Steel Corporation, the parent organization, started work this week installing \$500,000 worth of new machinery for the manufacture of full finished steel sheets for automobile manufacturers...

George Shidler Elected Chairman First Voters Club

Organization Open to All Young Men and Women Regardless of Party

George F. Shidler was elected permanent chairman and Robert Leasing secretary at the meeting of First Voters held Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce rooms...

The new chairman named as an executive committee, Turner McLean, chairman; Frank Perkins, Harry Phillips and Gordon Bau.

John T. Rawls, candidate for assembly from the 68th district, attended the meeting and made a brief speech.

Plans are being made to assist the young voters of Lomita, Redondo and other neighboring cities to organize similar clubs.

The next meeting of the organization will be held Monday evening, July 25 at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Membership in the First Voters Club is open to any young man or woman in Torrance who wishes to align himself with the organization and is not limited to those of Democratic faith as was stated last week...

There are no dues and no expenses attached to membership in the First Voters Club, Chairman George Shidler says.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD MONDAY IN APARTMENT

Mrs. Arnold Dehn Passed Away Suddenly Some Time Sunday Night

Mrs. Arnold Dehn, residing for the past four months at apartment 3, Edison Apartments, was found lifeless in her room about 8:15 Monday morning.

The door of the Dehn apartment was closed and no sound came from within, so that the supposition was that either she had gone out, or was sleeping. Later taps at the door brought no response...

When Mr. and Mrs. Christie arose Monday morning, and saw that their neighbor's door was still closed and that the morning paper and other articles delivered had not been taken in, they became somewhat uneasy and after a short time decided to investigate...

Mrs. Christie entered with her passkey and was infinitely shocked to see upon opening the door, Mrs. Dehn fully dressed lying on the couch, dead.

Dr. A. F. Stevenson was called at once and the coroner was notified, the body being then removed to the mortuary of Stone & Myers.

Her relatives, her husband, Arnold Dehn, and sister, Mrs. A. M. Phillipson, of Tucson, Arizona, were notified. Mr. Dehn came at once and Mr. and Mrs. Phillipson, and Mrs. Dehn's nephew, William Turnage, of Mississippi, who is attending the university at Tucson, arrived later.

May Ask State to Take Charge of Alondra Park

Taxpayers in District North of Torrance Threaten "Tax Strike"

Possibility that the state will be asked to take over Alondra Park, north of Riverside-Redondo boulevard and just west of Gardena, was forecast this week when the board of supervisors were threatened with a tax strike by property owners in the park's assessment district...

Discussion as to what the county could do to relieve the high tax burdens under which surrounding property owners are struggling followed receipt of a communication from the Taxpayers' League of Alondra Park, signed by Frank A. Matson, chairman, and Florence Archer, secretary.

"But, when taxes are out of all proportion to the income from our lands, something is wrong."

"Gentlemen, it is with great reluctance that we say this: Unless your body can find some way to reduce our taxes in proportion to the income value of our property, our only alternative is to quit paying taxes, as banks refuse to loan money on the land."

Supervisor Shaw expressed a wish that there was some way the tract could be divided up into small plots for needy families, who could be established thereon to "find themselves."

G. H. PRIEST TAKES OVER GAS STATION G. H. Priest, 2555 Sonoma, has taken over the service station at 2624 Carson street, formerly operated by Mrs. V. Salet. Mrs. Salet has gone to San Francisco.

Sailor Killed In Auto Crash Early Tuesday

Machine Strikes a Tree As Drowsy Driver Loses Control

C. E. Braugher, seaman second class of the U. S. S. Maryland, and A. K. Branham, gunner's mate of the same vessel, were brought to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital shortly after 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, following an automobile crash at the intersection of Main and 190th streets.

Braugher died two hours after being admitted to the hospital. He had suffered a fracture of the skull and numerous other injuries about the head, and died without regaining consciousness.

Branham received a scalp wound and other minor injuries. After being treated at the local hospital he was taken to the navy hospital at San Pedro.

Branham, who was the driver of the car, which struck a tree near the intersection of the streets above named, said in his report of the accident that he had probably fallen asleep at the wheel.

Union Services Held During the Month of August

Churches to Unite In Evening Meetings For Four Weeks Next Month

Because of the enthusiastic response, which the union evening church services received last summer, the ministers of Torrance have decided to repeat the plan this summer. The union evening services will be held through the month of August, with several of the churches participating.

At the regular meeting of the Torrance Ministerial Association, held last week, the following schedule of union services was adopted: August 7, at Central church, Rev. Kemp J. Winkler will preach.

August 14, at the Christian church, Rev. O. D. Wonder will preach. August 21, at the Methodist church, Rev. George Elder will preach.

August 28, a great cooperative mass service is being planned for the high school auditorium. It is planned to bring in a well-known platform speaker to be the speaker that evening. The services each week will be at 7:30 p. m.

Tax Rate Remains Same As Last Year In Beverly Hills

BEVERLY HILLS.—By a rigid paring of Beverly Hills budget, the basic municipal tax rate of 66 cents will be kept the same as last year. At the same time, taxpayers will be handed the full benefit of an approximate 20 per cent reduction in assessed valuations, thus effecting a 20 per cent cut in actual taxes paid.

Torrance property owners are contrasting this action of the budget committee in Beverly Hills with the recent action of Councilman Ludlow in recommending a city budget for Torrance which will increase the Torrance municipal rate at least 12 cents, thus practically wiping out the benefits of the reductions in assessed valuations.

HALF MILLION NOW BEING SPENT AT TORRANCE MILL

Two Hundred Columbia Men to Be Put Back to Work Installing New Machinery

TO MAKE SHEETS FOR AUTOMOBILE TRADE

Torrance Will Benefit From Increased Output As Soon As New Equipment Is Ready

Columbia Steel Company, a subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation, has already commenced work on installing new machinery at the Torrance plant to make full finished sheets for the automobile trade.

About 200 additional Columbia men will be recalled for regular work in connection with the installation of the new machinery. At present, only those men who have been on the Columbia payroll are being hired, and no work is available for new employees, it being the policy of the company to take care of its former employees first.

As soon as the new equipment is installed, a considerably larger force of men will be employed in the manufacture of full finished sheet steel for the automobile trade, which is a new product for the local mills.

INSULATING PLANT TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN CITY SOON

Weber Insulating Company Takes Over Old Location of Fritts Manufacturing Concern On 213th Street

Negotiations have just been closed whereby the Weber Insulating Company, an eastern concern, has taken over the plant formerly occupied by the Fritts Manufacturing Company on 213th street, and within 30 days will begin the manufacturing of their products.

The concern will be under the management of Louis Weber, who has been in Torrance for several months looking over the ground and making necessary arrangements, and at the same time producing some of the products here through the use of the equipment of another local concern.

The Weber Insulating Company produces a number of insulating products, which have for years been in use all over the world and which are well known wherever a product is required which will withstand the effects of extremely high degrees of temperature, both heat and cold.

With the new Vermont avenue paving opened to traffic between Ocean boulevard and Anaheim street, Amaranth avenue north of Anaheim street will be opened as soon as the curing process is complete, which will be some time this week, said E. A. Burt, county construction engineer.

The contracting firm, the Peck Construction Company, is rushing to completion the rock and oil shoulders on either side of Vermont avenue. The new paving on Vermont, as well as Amaranth, is 30 feet wide, and of cement concrete, with the exception of the Pacific Electric and Santa Fe grade separations, which were paved with asphaltic concrete because of the new grade.

The Torrance plant, the manufacturing will be concentrated principally on Lavatex Wall Plaster, a material for use in fireproofing buildings, sound deadening, and insulation against both cold and heat in dwellings.

AWARDED CONTRACT Basich Bros. of Torrance have just been awarded a contract to surface about 7.3 miles of highway between San Mateo and Redwood City. Their bid for the job was \$112,910.

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